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SUBJECT: GUADALAJARA KIDNAPPING: PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S
STATEMENT

1. PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA TOLD JOURNALISTS AT CEREMONIES
CELEBRATING MEXICAN VICTORY OVER FRENCH IN BATTLE OF
PUEBLA THAT " THE PHILOSOPHY OF MY GOVERNMENT IS HUMANISTIC.
THE GOVERNMENT ACCEPTS THE DEMANDS OF THE KIDNAPPERS
BECAUSE IT IS ESSENTIAL TO PROTECT THIS MAN' S LIFE".

2. ONLY AN HOUR EARLIER, PROCURADOR GENERAL PEDRO OJEDA
PAULLADA SAID " WHAT' S IMPORTANT ABOVE ALL IS TO SAVE
HIS (LEONHARDY' S) LIFE. THE POLICE, BOTH LOCAL AND
FEDERAL, ARE WORKING WITH CARE AND DISCRETION".

3. PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA SAID THAT THE GOM DOES NOT YET
HAVE THE LIST OF PRISONERS THE KIDNAPPERS WANT RELEASED,
BUT THAT IT WILL COMPLY WITH THEIR DEMANDS TO
SAVE LEONHARDY' S LIFE. (SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION ON LIST
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